

IDAPA 08 - STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

08.02.02 - RULES GOVERNING UNIFORMITY

DOCKET NO. 08-0202-0803

NOTICE OF INTENT TO PROMULGATE RULES - NEGOTIATED RULEMAKING

AUTHORITY: In compliance with Sections 67-5220(1) and 67-5220(2), Idaho Code, notice is hereby given that this agency intends to promulgate rules and desires public comment prior to initiating formal rulemaking procedures. This negotiated rulemaking action is authorized pursuant to Sections 33-1501 through 33-1514 and 33-1006, Idaho Code.

MEETING SCHEDULE: A public meeting on the negotiated rulemaking will be held as follows:

Tuesday - July 8, 2008 - 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

**Idaho State Department of Education
LBJ Building - 2nd Floor
Lewis & Clark Conference Room
650 W. State Street
Boise, ID 83720-0027**

METHOD OF PARTICIPATION: Persons wishing to participate in the informal negotiated rulemaking must do the following:

Interested persons may submit written comments through July 8, 2008. Requests to give oral presentation during the July 8, 2008, public hearing must be submitted prior to July 7, 2008. Interested individuals will have an additional opportunity to participate during the proposed rulemaking phase.

DESCRIPTIVE SUMMARY: The following is a statement in nontechnical language of the substance and purpose of the intended negotiated rulemaking and the principle issues involved:

Current administrative rules related to Idaho's pupil transportation support program became effective secondary to State Board of Education and legislative review on March 30, 2007. Changes in Standards for Idaho School Buses and Operations (SISBO) related to new school bus construction and operation standards are anticipated subsequent to revisions to the 2005 National Congress on School Transportation (see Section 33-1511(2), Idaho Code, and IDAPA 08.02.02.150-190). Changes in SISBO related to operations, bus purchasing, and reimbursements will be reviewed and modified subsequent to public hearings, Idaho School Boards Association, stakeholders, Steering Committee meetings, and clarification of a current referenced document (SISBO).

The goal of the State Department of Education is to clarify standards language where appropriate and continue in its support of rules and procedures designed to promote school transportation safety, equity, accountability and efficiency.

ASSISTANCE ON TECHNICAL QUESTIONS, SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN COMMENTS, OBTAINING COPIES: For assistance on technical questions concerning this negotiated rulemaking or to obtain a copy of the preliminary draft of the text of the proposed rule, contact Ray Merial, State Department of Education, Finance and Transportation, P.O. Box 83720, Boise, Idaho 83720-0027 or by calling (208) 332-6851 or fax to (208) 334-2228.

Anyone may submit written comments regarding this negotiated rulemaking. All written comments must be directed to the undersigned and must be delivered on or before July 8, 2008.

DATED this 30th day of May, 2008.

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